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April 28, 1999

Mr. K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: BellSouth Tariff to Offer Contract Service Arrangement TN98-6726-00
Docket No. 99-0230

Dear David:

Enclosed please find the original plus thirteen (13) copies of the Petition to Intervene filed on behalf of NextLink Tennessee Inc.. in the above-referenced proceeding. Also attached is a check in the amount of \$25.00. Copies have been served on all parties of record.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

By:


Henry Walker

HW/sja
cc: All parties

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE: TARIFF TO OFFER CONTRACT SERVICE ARRANGEMENT TN98-6726-00

DOCKET NO. 99-00230

PETITION TO INTERVENE

NEXTLINK Tennessee, Inc. ("NEXTLINK") petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to intervene as a matter of right in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310.


NEXTLINK is authorized to provide competitive local exchange service in Tennessee. As a certified, competitive provider of local exchange service in Tennessee, NEXTLINK has legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities and other legal interests that may be affected by and determined in the above-captioned proceeding. Specifically, NEXTLINK is concerned that special contracts entered into by BellSouth may illegally impede NEXTLINK's ability to compete in Tennessee.

NEXTLINK, therefore, seeks to intervene and participate as its interests may appear.

NEXTLINK asks that the Authority open a contested case proceeding in this matter and that NEXTLINK be granted leave to intervene and participate in this proceeding with all attendant rights and responsibilities and to receive copies of any notices, or orders, or any other dockets filed herein, and to have such other, further and general relief as the justice of its causes may entitle it to receive.

Dated this 28th day of April, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing has been hand delivered or mailed to the following persons on the 28th day of April, 1999.

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